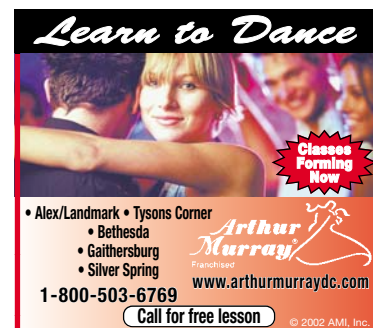


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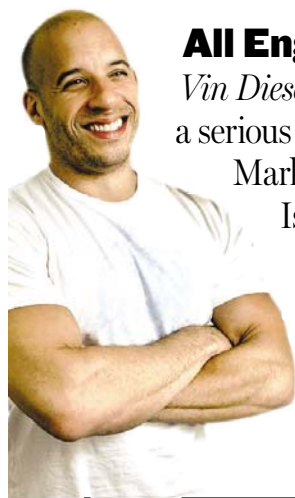
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Iraq Reprisal Killings Mount

At least 87 men found executed in latest round of retaliation

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraqi authorities found at least 87 corpses — men shot execution-style — as Iraq edged closer to open civil warfare. Twenty-nine of the bodies, dressed only in underwear, were dug out of a single grave Tuesday in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad.

The bloodshed appeared to be retaliation for a bomb and mortar attack in the Sadr City slum that killed at least 58 people and wounded more than 200 two days earlier.

Iraq's Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, meanwhile, told The Associated Press security offi-

cials had foiled a plot that would have put hundreds of al Qaeda men at critical guard posts around Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, home to the U.S. and other foreign embassies, as well as the Iraqi government.

A senior Defense Ministry official said the 421 al Qaeda fighters were recruited to storm the U.S. and British embassies and take hostages. Several ranking Defense Ministry officials have been jailed in the plot, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

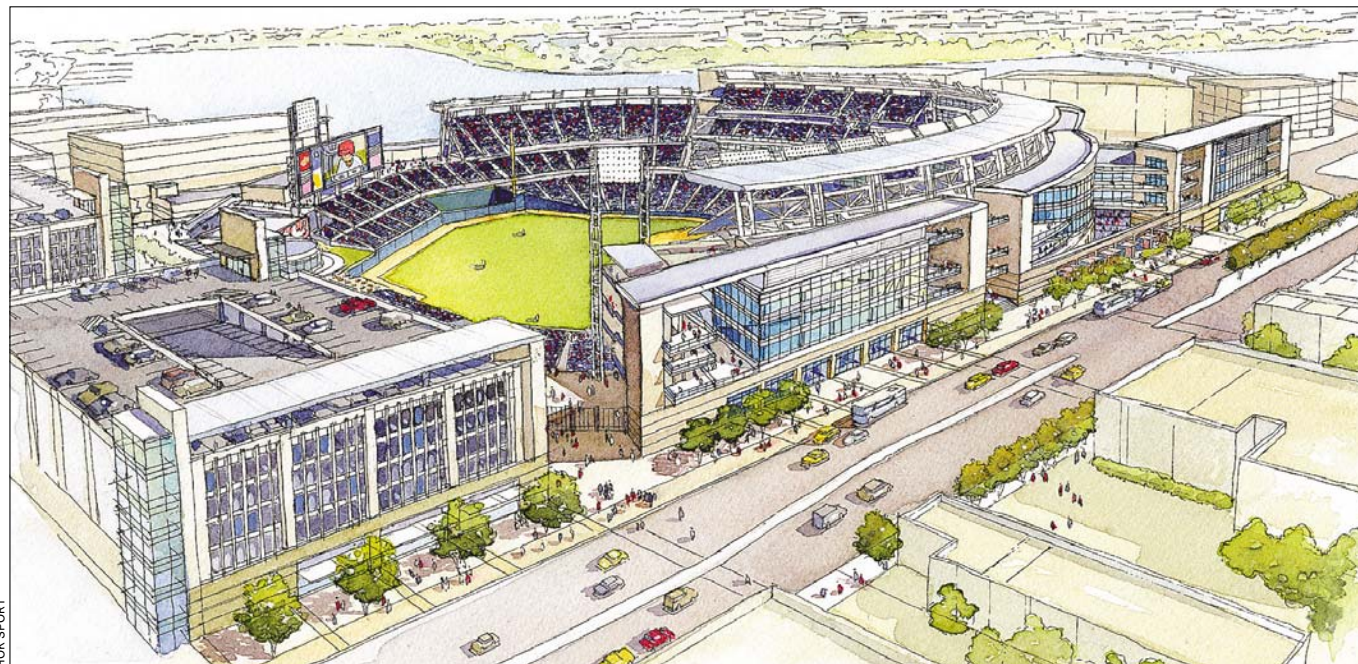


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Police began unearthing bodies early Monday. The gruesome finds continued throughout the day Tuesday, police said, marking the second wave of sectarian retribution killings since bombers destroyed an important Shiite shrine last month.

In the mayhem after the golden dome atop the Askariya shrine in Samarra was destroyed, more than 500 people have been killed, many of them Sunnis and their clerics. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)

D.C. Gets First Glimpse of Stadium



HOME FIELD VANTAGE: An artist rendering unveiled Tuesday shows a northwest aerial view of the proposed stadium to be built for the Washington Nationals near the Navy Yard and South Capitol Street along the Anacostia River in Southeast. The 41,000-seat stadium features an airy, modern glass, steel and concrete design with views of the Capitol dome and the Anacostia River. ♦ **District style:** Stadium plan strives to be uniquely D.C. | **Page I3**

MEETINGS | Next on the Agenda: A Shower Two masked assailants burst into a meeting of agriculture authorities in Ellsworth, Maine, on Saturday and pelted officials and attendees with cow manure, the Bangor Daily News reported. The state veterinar-



ian and director of animal industry were in talks with farmers when the intruders entered the auditorium dressed in black and wearing masks. They then threw aluminum pie tins filled with manure and wood shavings and escaped. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

eyeOpeners

CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS

Right to Bird-Flipping Is Clearly Implied

A New Castle, Pa., motorist says the constitutional right to free speech includes obscene hand gestures. Thomas Burns contends he was denied his First Amendment free speech rights when he was cited for giving an obscene hand gesture to a construction worker in April after Burns was frustrated with a traffic delay. The worker reported it to a police officer, who cited Burns for disorderly conduct, he said. Burns filed a lawsuit because he believes he was maliciously prosecuted, since the "finger gesture was not accompanied by any verbal threats, taunting or communication." (AP)

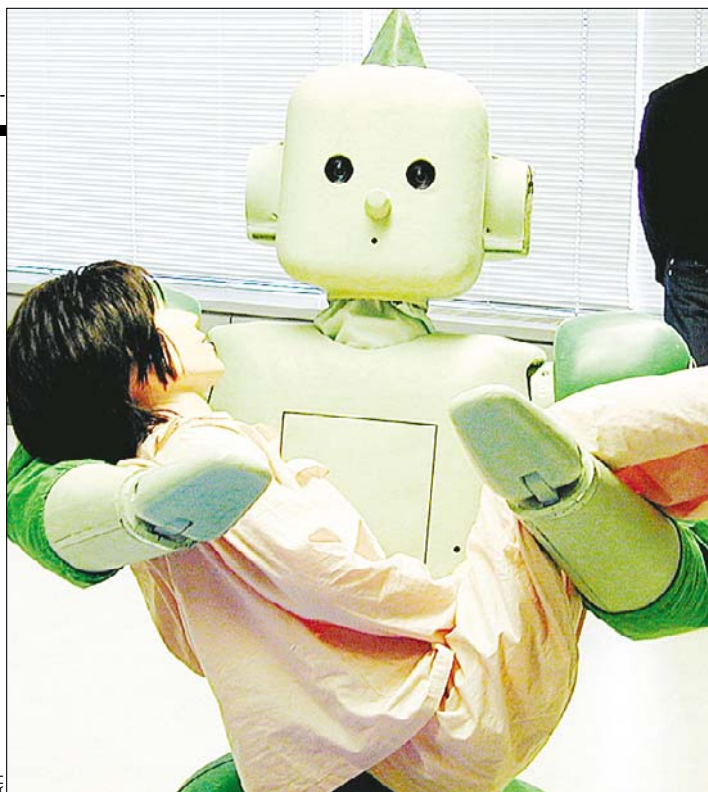


CENSORSHIP

This Headline Is Awaiting His Approval

The Douglas County, Minn., administrator last week ordered that all news must pass through the county government before being published, the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported. But, by Friday, Bill Schalow's "Public Relations/Communications Protocol" — which demanded papers have stories approved or the government wouldn't give them information — was rescinded and

Schalow issued an apology, saying the move was an attempt to get media to be more balanced in its government coverage. "They are trying to hide something," one reader had said to a local paper about the order. (EXPRESS)



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Nurse Botty

Japan's Institute of Physical and Chemical Research unveiled its new nursing-care robot, "Ri-Man," on Monday at the institute's laboratory in Nagoya. By sweeping up a life-sized doll with silicone-made soft-skin arms, Ri-Man — which is more than 62 inches tall and weighs more than 200 pounds — demonstrated its ability to carry around a patient or an elderly person. Ri-Man has five antenna sensors and 19 actuators to keep balance while carrying people. (EXPRESS)

DOLLS

An Unexpected Anatomy Lesson

A birthday party for a 4-year-old girl in England was ruined, her mother

said, when a new doll sang rude lyrics to a nursery rhyme, United Press International reported. The "Rosie" doll sings "Ring a Ring o' Roses," with the lyric "atishoo, atishoo, we all fall down." But this particular doll — bought for

Alicia Bell by her uncle as a gift — sang "arse" instead of "atishoo." Although Alicia's mother took the doll away — Toys R Us has promised a full refund — she said her daughter now knows the word and uses it. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief

MORGANTOWN, W.VA.

Sago Mine Owner Blames Lightning for Igniting Blast

An explosion that killed 12 workers at the Sago Mine likely was caused by a massive lightning strike that ignited methane gas in a sealed-off area, the mine's owner said Tuesday. Weather monitors confirmed an unusually large and powerful lightning strike near the mine on Jan. 2. The U.S. Geological Survey confirmed a seismic event at Sago. (AP)

AUSTIN

Reigning Miss Deaf Texas Struck and Killed by Train

The reigning Miss Deaf Texas died after being struck by a train, officials said. Tara Rose McAvoy, 18, was walking Monday near railroad tracks when she was struck by a Union Pacific train, authorities said. A witness told Austin television station KTBC the train sounded its horn right up until the accident occurred. (AP)



McAvoy

War on Prison Gangs

→ The largest murder case in U.S. history began Tuesday as prosecutors try the Aryan Brotherhood, a prison gang linked to dozens of killings | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

Judge: Moussaoui Trial to Continue

Prosecution weakened after coached witnesses barred from testifying

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | The judge in the Zacarias Moussaoui trial dealt a serious blow to the government's death-penalty case Tuesday, barring roughly half of the prosecutors' key witnesses because a federal lawyer improperly coached several of them on their testimony.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema rejected a Moussaoui defense request that she go further and dismiss the government's death-penalty bid for the al Qaeda conspirator outright. She put off resumption

of the trial until Monday to give the government a chance to appeal.

Justice Department spokeswoman Tasia Scolinos said the ruling was being reviewed. While not addressing the likelihood of overturning it, she added that "it is important to remember" Moussaoui has pleaded guilty and at a minimum will be imprisoned for life with no chance of release.

Testimony from the barred witnesses was to make up about half of the government's case, prosecutors have said.

Brinkema imposed the sanctions after being informed that a lawyer in the federal Transportation Security Administration, Carla Martin, had



TSA lawyer Carla Martin, who coached witnesses, leaves court on Tuesday.

CALEB JONES/AP

urged seven witnesses from the Federal Aviation Administration to read trial transcripts and had prepared them for certain questions on cross-examination.

Federal rules of evidence prohibit witnesses from exposure to trial testimony because of the possibility they will alter their testimony based on what they learn. Brinkema detailed the rules in a pretrial order.

Moussaoui is the only person charged in this country in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He pleaded guilty in April to conspiring with al Qaeda to hijack aircraft and other crimes, but he denies any involvement in 9/11.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

TEXAS | WILDFIRES RIP ACROSS PANHANDLE



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

SCORCHED: A partially burned calf stands outside a fence line on a county road in Roberts County, Texas, on Tuesday. Firefighters said they were making progress against a string of wildfires ravaging the area.

Wallace Leaving '60 Minutes' Post

NEW YORK | Mike Wallace, the hard-driving reporter who has been with "60 Minutes" since its start in 1968, said Tuesday he will retire as a regular correspondent on the show this spring.

A television news legend who was the last person an accused wrongdoer would want to see on his doorstep, Wallace said he'll still do occasional reports for the show. CBS News President Sean McManus referred to him as a "correspondent emeritus."

Wallace, 87, has often said he'll retire "when my toes turn up."

"Well, they're just beginning to curl a trifle, which means that, as I approach my 88th birthday, it's

become apparent to me that my eyes and ears, among other appurtenances, aren't quite what they used to be," he said.

Wallace has said for years that he



Wallace

was cutting back, but he's still done six reports in the current season. It was a significant step last fall when Wallace relinquished his position as the first face viewers saw after the ticking stopwatch on each show.

Wallace said that he'll keep an office at the CBS News headquarters. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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The total number of SAT scores that have not been rechecked from an exam in October that had scoring problems, the College Board said Tuesday. The sheets will be re-scanned over the next few days and colleges and students notified of any changes as soon as possible.

7 Missing After Dam Bursts

Floodwaters consume houses on Hawaiian island, leaving 1 dead

LIHUE, HAWAII | An earthen dam burst on the Hawaiian island of Kauai on Tuesday, sweeping away houses in a torrent of water 150 yards across. One person was killed and as many as seven others were reported missing.

The Kaloko Reservoir dam gave way without warning after days of heavy rain, washing out the island's main coastal highway used by thousands of residents and tourists.

Search crews recovered an unidentified body, Coast Guard spokesman Michael De Nyse said. Helicopters continued the search for victims in the debris and the floodwaters that ran into the Pacific, three miles from the burst dam.

State Rep. Hermina Morita, whose district includes the area where the dam failed, said a constituent who had spent the night away from home returned and was search-



WASHED AWAY: The once-vegetated ridge at Wailapa Stream, near Kilauea, Hawaii, was devastated Tuesday after an earthen dam burst without warning.

ing for four family members.

There was no warning about the dam's strength or the amount of water in the reservoir behind it, Morita said.

Two schools were being used as emergency shelters.

Roy Matsuda, lead forecaster at

the Honolulu office of the National Weather Service, said a storm dumped 5 to 6 inches of rain on Kauai in the last 24 hours.

The weather service issued a flood warning for the entire state, cautioning residents of the threat of flooding. (AP)

Senate Considers Insurance Options

WASHINGTON | Small businesses collapsing under the weight of rising health insurance costs would have greater flexibility to band together and offer employees scaled-down coverage under legislation that has gained new life in the Senate.

The Senate's Health, Education,

Labor and Pensions Committee, led by Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming, is expected to approve the legislation Wednesday. The House has approved similar bills eight times.

The administration wants to let small companies join together — based on their membership in a particular trade association — to purchase health insurance policies exempt from state coverage requirements. (AP)

Space Shuttle Launch Pushed to July

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | NASA on Tuesday postponed the launch of space shuttle Discovery from May until at least July because of an all-too-familiar problem: a faulty fuel tank sensor.

A similar problem briefly delayed last summer's launch of Discovery on the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster in 2003.

NASA said it needs the time to open up the spacecraft's hydrogen fuel tank and replace the sensor. The space agency plans to replace the three other sensors in the tank, too, to be safe.

The fuel gauges are designed to



Parts of the Discovery craft arrive at the Kennedy Space Center in early March.

prevent the main engines from running too long or not long enough, during the climb to space. An engine shutdown at the wrong time could prove catastrophic. (AP)

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Beating Likely Killed Teen

Boy's death at Fla. boot camp not caused by disease, autopsy shows

TAMPA, FLA. | A second autopsy shows that a 14-year-old boy who was punched and kicked by guards at a juvenile boot camp did not die of natural causes as a medical examiner initially ruled, prosecutors confirmed Tuesday.

Martin Lee Anderson was sent to the Bay County Sheriff's Office boot camp on Jan. 5 for a probation violation. A surveillance video showed guards kicking and punching him after he collapsed while exercising on his first day at the camp, and he died at a hospital early the next day.

Anoted pathologist who observed Monday's 12-hour autopsy on behalf of Anderson's family said it was clear the teen did not die from sickle cell trait, as the medical examiner for Bay County had determined, or from any other natural causes.



Gina Jones, Martin Anderson's mother, hugs forensic pathologist Dr. Michael Baden on Tuesday after Baden announced her son likely died from being beaten.

Anderson's mother, Gina Jones, said she was glad the truth was out.

"But I already knew what the truth was. Now that the truth is out, and I want justice," she said.

The medical examiner who made

the initial finding of sickle cell, Dr. Charles Siebert, won't comment until the investigation is complete, his office said Tuesday.

No guards have been arrested or fired but the camp has been closed.

MITCH STACY (AP)

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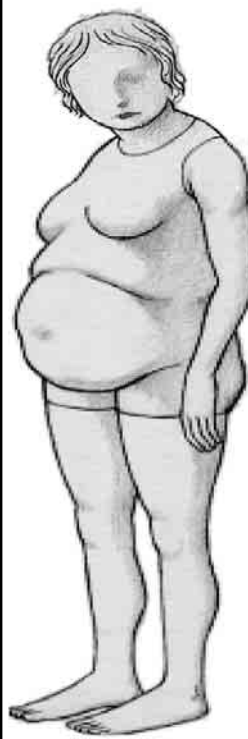
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The number of baby crocodiles a South African man was caught with in his car, allegedly to be sold in illegal trading. The man appeared in court Tuesday to face charges for lacking the necessary permits.

World

Israeli Forces Seize Jericho Prison

Dramatic raid aimed at capturing militant sparks wave of unrest

JERICHO, WEST BANK | Israeli troops using tanks, helicopters and bulldozers pounded a Palestinian-run prison in the West Bank on Tuesday to seize a Palestinian militant leader and his accomplices in the assassination of an Israeli Cabinet minister.

The dramatic 10-hour standoff ignited an unprecedented spasm of violence against foreigners across the Palestinian areas. Aid workers, teachers and journalists took refuge at Palestinian security headquarters in Gaza as militants attacked offices linked to the U.S. and Europe, burning cars and torching the British Council building in Gaza City.

Gunmen kidnapped at least 10 foreigners, including an American professor; after nightfall, three were still in captivity — two French citizens and a South Korean journalist.

Angry Palestinians blamed the British and Americans for the raid, because British monitors left the jail 20 minutes before the Israelis arrived Tuesday morning. Three Palestinians were killed in the assault.

The assault on the jail came amid a breakdown in a 4-year-old deal among the Palestinians, Israel, the United States and Britain over the guarding of the prisoners. British and American officials said they



Israeli troops guard Palestinian prisoners following an assault on a prison facility in the West Bank town of Jericho on Tuesday.



Militants attack the British Council in Gaza City to protest the prison raid.

had complained repeatedly to the Palestinians about security conditions at the prison and threatened in a letter last week — a copy of which was sent to Israel — to remove their monitoring teams if things did not improve.

But Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, cutting short a European trip to deal with the crisis, blamed the U.S. and the British for violating the agreement by withdrawing the monitors without telling him.

Incoming Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, a Hamas leader, called the raid “a dangerous escalation against

the Palestinian leaders and freedom fighters.”

Israel was targeting Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine leader Ahmed Saadat, who ordered the assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi in 2001, and several of his accomplices.

“We had to act to make sure these killers would stay under lock and key,” said Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev.

SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

Under seige: View photos of the Israeli raid and Palestinian protests | washingtonpost.com/cameraworks

In Brief

PARIS

At Least 9 Officers Injured After Melee Over Jobs Plan

Youths protesting a government jobs plan clashed Tuesday with police in an hours-long melee in the French capital that left nine officers injured, officials said. Police sprayed tear gas and charged the crowd to counter stones, bottles and metal barricades heaved at security forces in a second night of unrest. The clashes followed a spontaneous march by an estimated 4,000 students from southern Paris to the Sorbonne University, closed due to the troubles. (AP)



Thai protesters from a Buddhist sect hold a march calling for Thaksin to quit.

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Protesters Vow to Camp Out Until Prime Minister Resigns

Demonstrators demanding Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's resignation castigated the Thai leader with fiery speeches Tuesday, but remained peaceful as they vowed to camp outside his office until he steps down. The demonstrators, who accuse Thaksin of corruption and power abuse, said they will stay outside Government House despite the prime minister's earlier announcement that he's ready to decree a state of emergency if protests turn violent. (AP)

BEIJING

Premier Pledges to Help Protect Rights of Farmers

Premier Wen Jiabao promised Tuesday to protect the rights of farmers, who helped bring China's ruling communists to power, as parliament endorsed a five-year economic blueprint aimed at closing the wide and increasingly volatile gap between rich and poor in the fast-growing nation. (AP)

Rice Praises Indonesia's Tolerance

Diplomat admits U.S. policy often unpopular in much of the world

JAKARTA, INDONESIA | Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice courted the moderate brand of Islam that prevails in multiethnic Indonesia, but acknowledged Tuesday that U.S. foreign policy is often unpopular in the Muslim world.

“I understand that the United States has had to do things in the

world that are not that popular in much of the world,” Rice said in response to a question about anti-American sentiment that has arisen since the U.S.-led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Beginning a two-day visit to a key U.S. ally in the struggle against terrorism — and the world's most populous Muslim nation — Rice said sometimes there is a “lack of understanding about how much the United States respects people of the Islamic faith.”



Condoleezza Rice speaks with teachers at an Islamic school in Jakarta.

Rice's visit drew hundreds of Islamic hard-liners to demonstrate outside the heavily guarded U.S. embassy. The crowd was far smaller than last week's rally by about 5,000 people, who demanded that U.S. troops leave Iraq and Afghanistan.

Rice held up Indonesia as an example of tolerance, making an implicit contrast with extremist Muslim ideology and Islamic terrorism.

Terrorists have struck in Bali and Jakarta in recent years, including a fatal blast at the downtown hotel where Rice's party stayed. (AP)

World



SNIFFED OUT: Some of France's top perfume makers, from Chanel to Yves Saint Laurent, have been fined millions of dollars for allegedly colluding with vendors on prices over a three-year period, officials said Tuesday. Thirteen brands have been fined.

Tribunal Was Warned on Milosevic

Officials: War crimes suspect had access to smuggled drugs in jail

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS | Slobodan Milosevic had regular access to drugs and alcohol smuggled into his prison cell, yet the U.N. war crimes tribunal failed to take action despite warnings, tribunal officials said Tuesday.

Two officials told The Associated Press the unit's prison warden had

cautioned the tribunal president and registrar that as a result, Milosevic's health could not be guaranteed.

Nevertheless, they said, no action was taken to tighten supervision. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the tribunal's strict confidentiality rules.

The officials, who had access to confidential reports on Milosevic's incarceration, were countering allegations by Milosevic's loyalists that the former Serb president was poisoned or unwittingly given harmful



Milosevic's son, Marko, center, traveled to the Netherlands to retrieve the body.

drugs. They said two doctors had concluded that Milosevic intentionally took drugs that undermined the medicine prescribed for his heart ailments, in order to slow the pace of his war crimes trial.

Hours earlier, Milosevic's son alleged his father was murdered in custody. "He got killed. He didn't die. He got killed. There's a murder," Marko Milosevic told AP Television News aboard a flight to the Netherlands to claim the body.

ANTHONY DEUTSCH (AP)

Serbia to Host Milosevic Funeral

BELGRADE, SERBIA-MONTENEGRO | The funeral for Slobodan Milosevic will be held later this week in Belgrade, a top official from the late ex-Yugoslav leader's political party said Tuesday.

Milorad Vucelic, vice president of the Socialist Party of Serbia, said that after discussions with Milosevic's wife and son and rumors it would be held in Moscow, "the decision has been reached to organize a ... funeral for our late president" in the Serbian capital. (AP)

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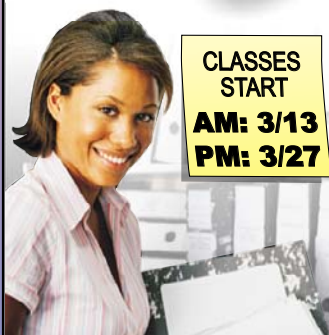
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GARDEN DUTY: Prisoners will grow vegetables for Sri Lankan soldiers who have little access to fresh produce, if the government approves a plan by the enterprising prison chief. The army often faces problems acquiring vegetables from local farmers.

World

In Cancun, a Sedate Spring Break

Prime party resort still working to recover from Hurricane Wilma

CANCUN, MEXICO | The beaches are back after being swept away by Hurricane Wilma five months ago. But there are no stages built for wet T-shirt contests on the newly replaced sand — nor is MTV hosting a rocking beach party.

Instead the first wave of winter-weary college students who converged on Cancun this week found Mexico's spring break capital of beer and bikinis to be more sedate: Construction workers almost outnumbered the revelers.

With nearly half of its hotels still closed, Cancun has plunged down the lists of top-10 destinations for U.S. spring breakers this



PARTY OF ONE? A lone spring breaker relaxes among empty chairs as he soaks up the sun in Cancun, Mexico, on Tuesday.

year. The Caribbean resort fell from No. 2 last year to No. 8 this year for travelers booking their trips through CheapTickets.com.

Many who did make the trip found themselves sitting against a backdrop of lumber piles.

The Mexican government had hoped to use spring break as a way to show the world that the country's prime resort can bounce back. President Vicente Fox's government poured \$19 million into rebuilding the beaches.

Still, many of the students said Wilma did not ruin their trip.

"Looking at the ocean all day is a lot better than staring at a cornfield," said vacationer Ben Hansen, 22, a University of Nebraska at Lincoln student. JULIE WATSON (AP)

Iran's Supreme Leader Echoes Tough Nuke Talk

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's supreme leader issued a tough line on his country's suspect nuclear program Tuesday, saying it is "irreversible" and any retreat would endanger the Islamic republic's independence.

The confrontational tone from Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters, comes as the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council debated how to deal with fears Tehran is seeking to develop atomic weapons.

After meeting Tuesday, the Security Council powers remained divided on their next move. Russia and China say a current draft statement does not leave enough room for diplomacy and focuses too much on possible action by the council. (AP)

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"We talk about very serious things — about what they're up to — and they've asked me all kinds of mundane things."

— Gov. Kaine, on his discussions with Virginia soldiers while visiting Iraq on Tuesday.

Local

In Brief

ASHBURN

Officials Unsure of Motive In Deadly Hostage Stand-off

Investigators said Tuesday they do not know why a man held a gas station cashier hostage for hours Monday before a sharpshooter killed him. Aleksandrin Bozhilov took the hostage after being told to remove the gas nozzle from his car before paying. After four hours of negotiations with police and threats on the woman's life, he emerged holding scissors to the cashier's neck and was shot by the sharpshooter. (AP)

ARLINGTON

Officer Shoots at Taxi in Alleged Run-Down Attempt

A police officer fired at a taxi driver who allegedly tried to run him down Tuesday, then drove away. The cabbie drove at the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority officer on the George Washington Parkway shortly after driving away from a traffic stop at the airport, said Scott Fear of the U.S. Park Police. The cab had been pulled over for erratic driving, he said. (AP)

GERMANTOWN

Brush and Mulch Fires Burn Cars and Force Evacuations

One of several brush and mulch fires in Montgomery County on Tuesday turned serious, as several cars burned and buildings were evacuated in Germantown, county fire spokesman Pete Piringer said. There were no injuries, and the evacuations were only a precaution, he said. Other fires caused no significant damage, he said. (AP)



Piringer

New Wilson Span Set for Mid-June

Beltway Outer Loop to be moved to bridge first, then Inner Loop

OXON HILL | After six years of being little more than a traffic curiosity for passing drivers, the first of two new spans of a modern Woodrow Wilson Bridge is expected to open to traffic in about three months.

"By mid-June, motorists are going to have a chance to drive over the first bridge for the first time," John Undeland, a spokesman for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project, said Tuesday. The first traffic will move eastward across the bridge on the Outer Loop of the Capital Beltway. Inner Loop traffic will be rerouted onto the span five to six weeks later.

"What we're going to have until mid-2008 is a six lane bridge, just

like we have a six lane bridge now," said Undeland. But a major improvement motorists will notice quickly are the availability of emergency shoulders on either side of the main traffic lanes. Disabled vehicles will be able to pull onto the shoulders, which, in turn, should enable emergency vehicles to clear them faster.

Compared to traffic on Interstate routes elsewhere in Maryland or Virginia, "there are many more sideswipe crashes and rear end collisions in the Wilson Bridge Corridor," said Undeland.

Since work began in October 2000, it's taken millions of hours of work by more than 1,000 contract construction employees to rebuild a 7.5 mile stretch of Interstate 95 in Maryland and Virginia, and nearly complete work on the first of two six lane spans. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Energy Officials Warn Against Md. Price Caps

Lawmakers told that blackouts could result from effort to cut bills

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Electricity blackouts like the ones that hit California five years ago could come to Maryland if lawmakers try to stave off price caps for power suppliers, industry officials warned the legislature Tuesday as state politicians look for ways to soften the blow of higher power bills.

Price caps instituted in 1999 will expire in July for central Marylanders — leading to rate hikes of about 72 percent for Baltimore Gas & Electric customers and double-digit increases for other customers.

Add to that looming increase a pending merger between BGE and Florida-based FPL Group, plus the possibility of state-mandated pollution controls for some power plants, and worries about electricity have turned into an election-year panic for lawmakers. KRISTEN WYATT (AP)

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TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP

WIND, DOH! Pedestrians held onto their hats at a particularly blustery moment at the corner of 19th St N. and N. Lynn St. in the Rosslyn section of Arlington on Tuesday. High winds are ushering in colder temperatures that will spoil the early spring weather the area has enjoyed. | **Today in Metro**

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Evening DC 4 **6-6-8-5**

Rolling Cash Five **4-24-13-21-15**
Daily 6 **23-24-12-33-19-29 Bonus: 38w**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **2-9-8**
Evening Pick 3 **2-7-2**
Mid-day Pick 4 **6-6-4-0**
Evening Pick 4 **4-7-3-7**
Match 5 **7-15-23-27-36 Bonus: 22**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.) **3-8-4**
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) **6-6-5**
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.) **4-9-2-1**
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) **8-8-7-5**
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.) **6-9-21-28-30**
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.) **2-4-11-12-27**

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Money



“The prospective increase in the budget deficit will place at risk future living standards of our country.”
— Fed chief Ben Bernanke, in a written response to lawmakers’ queries on the economy’s health

Delta CFO: Carrier Is ‘Tapped Out’

WASHINGTON | Delta Air Lines Inc. is “tapped out” and can’t borrow any more money to cover its mounting losses, making deep pay and benefit cuts it is seeking from its pilots

essential to its survival, the company’s chief financial officer told an arbitration panel Tuesday.
CFO Edward Bastian testified before the panel as part of Delta’s

effort to void its contract with its 6,000 pilots so it can impose up to \$325 million in long-term cuts.
The pilots union has said it will strike if its contract is rejected. Delta has said a walkout would put the carrier out of business. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AmrRlty	9.63	+1.99	+26.0
CHC Hel gs	25.90	+3.26	+14.4
Chipotle n	48.70	+5.29	+12.2
MI Homes	44.15	+4.07	+10.2
Medicis	32.01	+2.88	+9.9

Losers

HlthSprng	19.31	-2.84	-12.8
CentraCP	23.01	-2.54	-9.9
PopeTal	6.65	-.69	-9.4
FairIsaac	39.37	-2.79	-6.6
Cott Cp	13.25	-.92	-6.5

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SMTC Cp g	2.66	+.63	+31.0
SupTech rs	3.94	+.60	+18.0
FiberNet rs	3.05	+.46	+17.8
Avanex	2.69	+.39	+17.0
AlliFibO	2.14	+.30	+16.3

Losers

ADAM	7.69	-2.73	-26.2
HumGen	10.89	-2.78	-20.3
MIVA	3.72	-.91	-19.7
TRM Corp	7.29	-1.49	-17.0
EvolvSys	2.32	-.47	-16.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.50	4.50
3-month disc	4.49	4.49
2-year	4.64	4.76
10-year	4.69	4.73
30-year	4.70	4.71

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5726	.5772	.5223
Canadian Dollar	1.1560	1.1570	1.2059
European Euro	.8321	.8361	.7481
Japanese Yen	117.38	118.79	104.93
Mexican Peso	10.6855	10.7245	11.1610
Taiwanese Dollar	32.43	32.46	30.69

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B n	23.96	-.06	-6.0
ClearChan	29.00	+.14	-7.8
Comcast	26.67	+.57	+2.9
Comc sp	26.55	+.46	+3.3
DirectTV	15.64	+.07	+10.8
Disney	28.66	+.10	+19.6
Gannett	61.52	+.15	+1.6
LibtyMA	8.13	+.01	+3.3
McGrwH s	56.42	+1.07	+9.3
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NewsCpB	17.80	+.11	+7.2
Thomson	37.37	+.20	+8.0
TimeWarn	17.27	+.14	-1.0
ViacomB n	39.00	+.20	-5.2
WPP Gp	59.80	-.13	+10.7



Search giant Google refused to hand over an initial request for a wide swath of data.

Judge: Google Must Release Data

Justice Dept. asked for search records in bid to revive Web porn law

SAN JOSE, CALIF. | A federal judge said Tuesday he intends to order Google Inc. to turn over some of its Internet records to the U.S. Justice Department, but expressed reservations about requiring the company to divulge some of its most sensitive data — the actual requests that people enter into its popular search engine.

U.S. District Judge James Ware told the Justice Department it can expect to get at least some of the information sought from Google as part of the Bush administration’s effort to revive a law meant to shield children from online pornography.

But Ware stressed he was “particularly concerned” about the Justice Department’s demand for a random sample of search requests

entered into Google’s Internet-leading search engine.

The judge said he didn’t want to do anything to create the perception that Internet search engines and other large online databases could become tools for government surveillance.

After the 90-minute hearing, Google attorney Nicole Wong said the company was pleased with Ware’s thoughtful questions.

The Justice Department initially wanted a breakdown of search requests and Web site addresses from Google.

Google refused to hand over the information, even as three other major search engines turned over some of the requested data. Mountain View-based Google maintained the government’s request would intrude on its users’ privacy and its trade secrets.

Google’s protests prompted the government to scale back its requests dramatically. (AP)

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New Credit Scoring System Unveiled

NEW YORK | The nation’s three major consumer credit bureaus have created a new credit scoring system designed to make it easier for financial institutions to evaluate loan applications and to give consumers a better way of measuring their financial health.

The credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — announced Tuesday that they’re introducing “VantageScore” to banks, mortgage lenders and credit card companies immedi-

ately. The new scores will be available to consumers after the lender rollout, probably later this year.

With the new system, a single methodology will be used to create the scores for all three credit bureaus, the agencies said.

VantageScore ratings will range from 501 to 990. In a separate statement, Experian said the new scores will be grouped on “the familiar academic scale,” with A and B being the best potential borrowers and D and F being the weakest. (AP)



MARK IT DOWN: The University of Maryland was one of four sites — including St. John's, Michigan State and Texas — picked to host the regional rounds of the 2006 2K Sports College Hoops Classic, a 16-team basketball tourney set for November.

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In Brief

CAPITALS

Local Star Werner Signs Contract With Washington

The Washington Capitals signed 2003 draft pick Stephen Werner to a two-year contract on Tuesday. The 21-year-old right wing becomes the franchise's second player from the Washington area. Werner was born in the District of Columbia and lives in Chevy Chase, Md. Team captain Jeff Halpern is a native of Potomac, Md. Werner was a third-round draft pick who played four years at the University of Massachusetts. He had 116 points in 143 games, making him the fourth-leading scorer in school history. (AP)



Adu was voted the most popular teen athlete by Sports Illustrated for Kids.

FAN FAVORITES

Kids Prefer Manning, Adu

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is the favorite athlete among kids, according to a Sports Illustrated For Kids reader's poll. Manning, a two-time NFL MVP, received the most votes cast by more than 1,400 kids. Trailing Manning were LaDarian Tomlinson, LeBron James, Michael Vick and Dwyane Wade. Tennis star Maria Sharapova topped the list as the favorite female athlete, while kids picked soccer star Freddy Adu as their favorite teen athlete. (AP)

SKIING

Bode May Skip Season

Bode Miller aggravated an injury to his left knee during training Tuesday, and his decision to ski next season will depend on his rehabilitation this summer. Miller, who failed to win a medal in five races at the Turin Olympics, hurt his knee on a jump in Beaver Creek, Colo., early this season. (AP)

For Nationals, a Place to Run Home

Unveiling of stadium design reveals ballpark geared to match D.C.

NATIONALS | After more fits and starts than a runner caught between bases, the nation's capital finally unveiled the design of a new Washington Nationals baseball stadium Tuesday.

"The fog has lifted and we have a new stadium," proclaimed D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams.

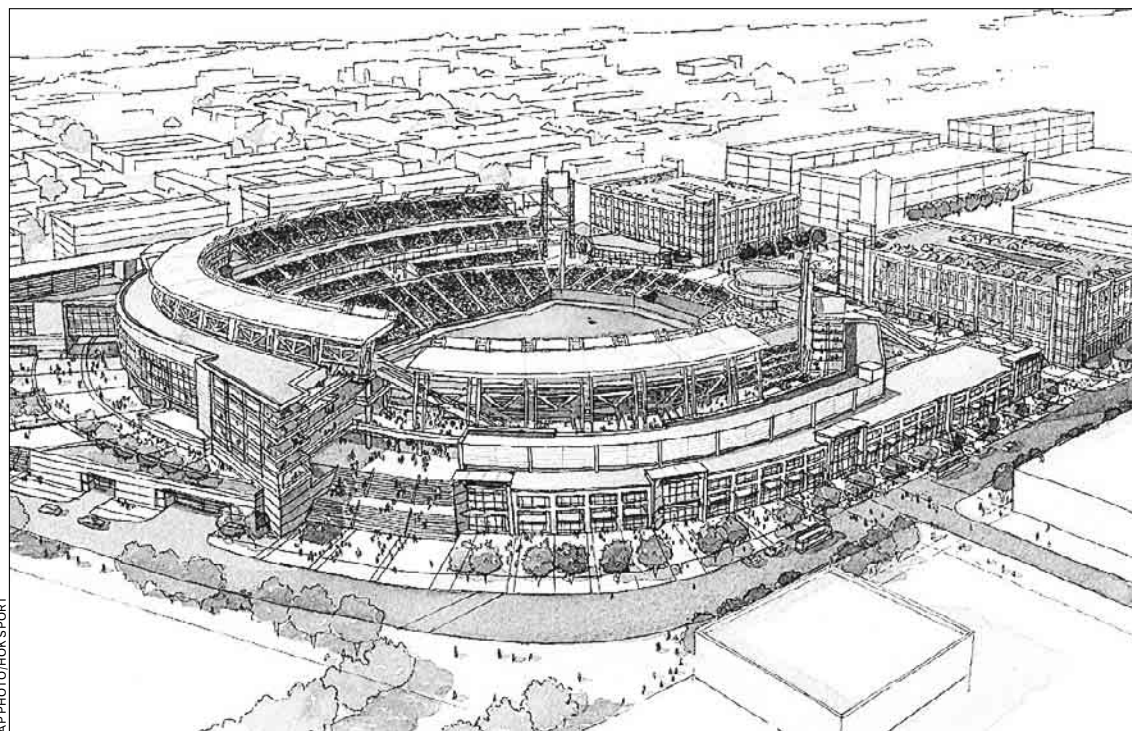
Drawings and models of the 41,000 seat ballpark depict a modern glass and steel structure, clad in pale stone chosen to complement the world famous skyline of the nation's capital.

"We were looking for something that would make sense in D.C., something that would not make sense anywhere else," said Joe Spear, the founder of HOK Sport, which designed the stadium.

The ballpark's dimensions are 332 feet down the left-field line, 377 to left-center, 409 to center, 370 to right-center and 335 down the right-field line. Planners hope the ballpark will open for the 2008 season, a schedule that may be overly ambitious.

"Excavation contracts have already been bid, and the steel mill order is in," said Allen Y. Lew, chief executive officer of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission.

At spring training in Viera, Fla.,



FIELD OF DREAMS: City leaders will try to have the new Nationals' ballpark, depicted above, done in time for the 2008 season.

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IN The Washington Post

Nationals players were impressed by what they saw. "I like it. I can't wait. I wish it could be ready next year," outfielder Ryan Church said.

The Nationals are still waiting for a new owner to be named. Eight groups bid for the team, but commissioner Bud Selig delayed the process until a lease was in place.

"The new owner will be involved at every stage," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "Of course, if changes are made at the new owner's request and they add to the costs, it would be the new owner's responsibility."

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Nats' Trademark Case Is Settled

NATS NAME | The Washington Nationals can keep their nickname. Major League Baseball has settled a lawsuit with Cincinnati-based Bygone Sports, a company that said it owned the trademark rights to the name "Washington Nationals."

"The Washington Nationals have sole exclusive rights to the name," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said Tuesday. A trial was scheduled to begin April 3 — the day the Nationals open the season at the New York Mets. (AP)

Hernandez Sharp in Nationals' Win

NATIONALS | Running hard to cover first base, Livan Hernandez beat the batter to the bag and caught Jose Vidro's throw for the final out of the fourth inning.

Having passed a bit of a test, Hernandez smiled as he walked to the dugout. His teammates greeted him with slaps on the back.

The burly right-hander's surgically repaired right knee is doing just fine, thank you, and Hernandez looked sharp Tuesday during five shutout innings for the Washington Nationals in a 2-1 split-squad loss to the Florida Marlins.



Hernandez threw 70 pitches Tuesday.

"My mind and my body feel good. My knee is not 100 percent, but it's getting there," Hernandez said after allowing four hits and no walks.

"Day by day, I feel better."

The teams also met at the Marlins' ballpark Jupiter, with Washington winning 10-3 behind left-hander Billy Traber's five-inning, one-run start.

While many starters are content to be stretched out to about 50 pitches by their second spring outing, Hernandez threw 70 Tuesday, 45 for strikes. Then again, Hernandez is hardly your average starter: He regularly reaches 120 pitches in a start, and his 150 in a June outing last season were the most in a major league game in nearly five years. (AP)



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The number of catches made by David Givens of New England last season, a career high for the receiver. On Tuesday, the former Super Bowl MVP signed with Tennessee Titans.

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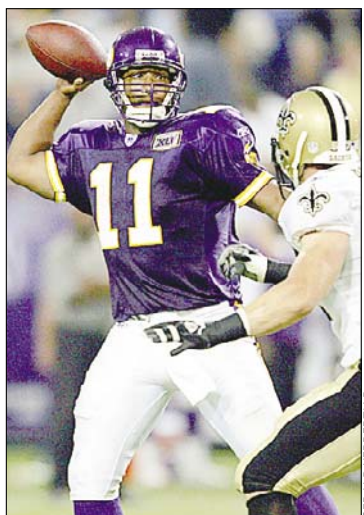
Musical Chairs in the NFL

Culpepper to Miami, Brees to New Orleans, T.O. may go to Dallas

NFL | Two star quarterbacks found new homes on Tuesday and two talented but troublesome receivers went on the open market.

Daunte Culpepper landed in Miami and Drew Brees in New Orleans, a few hours before Terrell Owens was released by Philadelphia and Keyshawn Johnson was cut by Dallas. For the Eagles, parting ways with Owens was inevitable. But the Cowboys' move was unexpected and is sure to fuel speculation that Owens could be headed to the Cowboys, where he could never have coexisted with Johnson, sometimes dubbed "Me-shawn."

The quarterbacks played off each other. Brees, who had been considering



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Daunte Culpepper was traded to the Dolphins for a second-round draft pick.

Miami and New Orleans, agreed to a six-year deal with the Saints shortly after the Vikings traded Culpepper to the Dolphins for what was reported as a second round pick. However, Brees' agent, Tom Condon, said his client had been leaning toward the Saints in the last two days.

Not only did that take the two experienced QBs off the market

but raised another question: does New Orleans dangle the second pick in the draft for teams seeking Matt Leinart? Aaron Brooks, the Saints quarterback for the past five years, is likely to be released, adding another quarterback who still has some value to the market.

Both Culpepper and Brees are coming off major injuries.

Brees, a standout for the Chargers the last two seasons, injured his throwing shoulder in the team's final game last season and underwent surgery. He has said that he expects four or five months of recovery but doesn't anticipate any long-term effects. The Saints will pay him \$60 million over six years, \$10 million guaranteed.

Culpepper threw just six touchdowns and had 12 interception last season, playing just seven games before he tore three ligaments in his knee. The Dolphins declined to confirm the deal although the Vikings announced it. "Anything we do is contingent on a player passing a medical exam," a Miami spokesman said. DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

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Sports

Redskins Add QB Collins to the Mix

Washington continues to seek trade partner for ex-starter Ramsey

REDSKINS | The Washington Redskins have signed back-up quarterback Todd Collins to a two-year, \$2.51 million contract, according to sources familiar with the negotiations. He received a \$450,000 signing bonus.

Collins, 34, is an 11-year veteran from Michigan who spent the past five years as a backup in Kansas City to Trent Green, but hasn't seen much action. He did not throw a pass last season and in his five years with the Chiefs has thrown 27 passes.

But Collins is familiar with the system used by the Skins' new associate head coach for offense, Al Saunders. Patrick Ramsey remains on the Redskins' roster

and the team is committed to trading him. Ramsey had been in contact with the Miami Dolphins, who Tuesday acquired Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper for a second-round pick. Ramsey has also met with the New York Jets. Oakland, which has been in the market for a quarterback having cut Kerry Collins and dropped out of the bidding for Culpepper, has not expressed interest in Ramsey, sources said.

Also Tuesday, former Redskins starting safety Ryan Clark agreed to a four-year contract with Pittsburgh, according to his agent, Joel Turner. Clark, who went from obscurity to become a regular contributor on one of the NFL's premier defenses, spoke with Washington for the better part of a year about a contract extension, but a deal could never be reached.

HOWARD BRYANT (THE WASHINGTON POST)

HOOPS HERO | PRESIDENT PAYS TRIBUTE



HEADS UP: President Bush on Tuesday greeted Jason McElwain, center, and his family in Rochester, N.Y., calling the autistic basketball manager who scored 20 points in 4 minutes for his high school team "a special person."

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Wizards play their second straight game against the Charlotte Bobcats.

BASEBALL (1 A.M. ON ESPN2) Cuba plays Puerto Rico in the second round of the World Baseball Classic (tape delayed).

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN AND ESPN2) The Preseason NIT offers games between Vanderbilt and Notre Dame and Wake Forest visiting Minnesota.

TENNIS (2 P.M. AND 11 P.M. ON ESPN2) The Pacific Life Open continues in Indian Wells, Calif.

ADDICTED TO 'AI': Because there isn't enough "American Idol" on the air, Fox has inaugurated a live pre-show. Until the end of the season, Kimberly Caldwell and Rosanna Tavares will flatter contestants, present clips and otherwise waste viewers' time.



Entertainment



ALL BUSINESS: Cornelius no longer hosts "Soul Train," but his is the name associated with the syndicated dance party.

The Soulful Life

Don Cornelius talks about 20 years of 'Soul Train' in motion

LANDMARKS | If any businessman can lay claim to soul, it's Don Cornelius.

It's in the baritone rumble of his ex-disc jockey's voice, his coolly unflappable manner and, most

of all, in his "Soul Train" franchise that brought a slice of black culture and music to the snow-white TV landscape more than three decades ago.

"We can't make it important to anybody else," Cornelius said. "Some of the audience we serve doesn't really care about what you did yesterday and you have to be cognizant of that ... But it's impor-

tant to us."

The show's 20th anniversary ceremony, which aired in syndication here last weekend, starred hosts Vivica A. Fox and Tyrese Gibson and celebrated the work of artists in R&B, hip-hop and gospel.

Cornelius, 69, noted that when "Soul Train" premiered on Chicago TV station WCIU in 1970, "There was not programming that tar-

geted any particular ethnicity. I'm trying to use euphemisms here, trying to avoid saying there was no television for black folks, which they knew was for them."

"Soul Train," with its animated-train opening, chugged gradually onto TV screens nationwide: Only a handful of stations initially were receptive to the newcomer. Johnson Products Co., maker of Afro Sheen and other hair-care goods, was its major sponsor.

"When we rolled it out, there were only eight takers," he recalled. "Which was somewhere between a little disappointing and a whole lot disappointing."

Audience reaction to the show and the high-powered talent it attracted helped it spread; "Soul Train," now the longest-running show in first-run syndication (as opposed to network repeats), reaches 85 percent of TV markets.

Cornelius, who remains executive producer but stepped down as "Soul Train" host in 1993 (Dorian Gregory has the job now), was inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame in 1995 and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, said he remains grateful to the musicians who made "Soul Train" the destination for the best and latest in black music.

The show remains vibrant because the songs are, he said.

"I figured as long as the music stayed hot and important and good, that there would always be a reason for 'Soul Train,'" Cornelius said.

LYNN ELBER (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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Dwight Yoakam: Restless Rake

1 Honky-tonk heartbreaker Dwight Yoakam is the country singer-songwriter who put "a town south of Bakersfield" (i.e., L.A.) on the country map. He sings about good times, bad women and regret — not always in that order — when he brings his fine self and guitar-full of tales to the 9:30 tonight.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$35; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)



Dwight Yoakam's Tinseltown country re-invigorated C&W in the 1980s.

'Worst President Ever': Tell Us How You Really Feel

2 Performer Rick Fiori's monthly comedy series weighs in tonight on the leader of the free world. The show, "Worst President Ever," is a comedy, not a screed. Heck, even The Washington Times called it "hilarious."

Warehouse Theater, 1017 7th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$15; 202-783-3933.

'The Dead Beat': Paid in Full

3 It may seem that author Marilyn Johnson runs with a dull crowd, but her book, "The Dead Beat: Lost Souls, Lucky Stiffs and the Perverse Pleasures of Obituaries" is extremely lively. She discusses it tonight at Borders.

Borders, 18th & L streets NW; 6:30 p.m., free; 202-466-4999. (Farragut West)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Mark Lanegan and Isobel Campbell make a fine retro pairing

MUSIC | Isobel Campbell and Mark Lanegan — the former cellist/vocalist of Scottish indie pop band Belle & Sebastian and the former frontman of Seattle grunge group Screaming Trees, respectively — seem an unlikely pop pairing. Their debut disc "Ballad of the Broken Seas" (V2), has garnered favorable U.K. notice invari-

ably referencing Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood in keeping with Campbell's acknowledged debt to the classic 1960s duo.

But Campbell-Lanegan is much darker stuff, minus their role models' vocal sparkle and soul. Song titles "Black Mountain" (sung solo by Campbell) and "The False Husband" hint at typically bleak subject matter, the latter track resembling a portentous Angelo Badalamenti-David Lynch collaboration. In such context, the voices juxtapose well: Lanegan's tired, Leonard Cohen-like low mur-



Belle & Sebastian's Campbell gussies herself up in '60s style for this album.

mur and Campbell's high, feathery whisper.

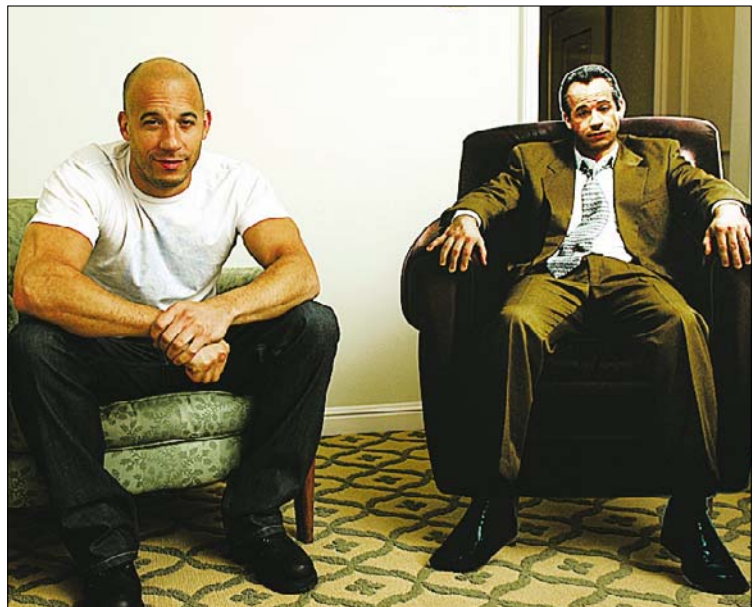
She borders on intolerably cute in her breathy counterpoint to Lanegan's lead on an alt-country cover of Hank Williams' "Ramblin' Man." But she has an undeniable charm, and the songs have sparing, acoustic-oriented arrangements that are certainly pretty enough. Best is "Honey Child What Can I Do?" which is buttressed by a string orchestration recalling an Elmer Bernstein western score.

JIM BESSMAN (AP)

Entertainment



HOW FAT IS SHE? Wilmer Valderrama may be trying to beat fellow "That '70s Show" alum Ashton Kutcher at his own game, but he has a great idea for a reality show. He's the creator and executive producer of "Yo Momma," a trash-talking comedy competition that begins airing on MTV in April.



GUILTY AS CHARGED: The actor (he's on the left), poses with a promotional cutout of himself as mobster Jackie DiNorscio in Sidney Lumet's "Find Me Guilty."

Vin Diesel Powers Up

The action-flick star is spoiling to show his serious chops

MADE MAN | The man who made "12 Angry Men," "Serpico," "Network" and "Dog Day Afternoon" clearly sees something more in action star Vin Diesel than most people do.

For his first film since 1999's "Gloria," director Sidney Lumet cast Diesel to star in "Find Me Guilty," the story of Lucchese crime family member Jackie DiNorscio, who staged a sort of standup-comic routine defending himself at a mammoth mob trial in the late 1980s.

Diesel started as a serious stage actor in New York City, yet movie fans tend to think of him as the brooding bruiser of "The Fast and the Furious."

He made his own way early on, writing, directing and starring in a short film that played at the Cannes Film Festival and doing the same for a feature that made it into the Sundance Film Festival, yet people

think of Diesel as that reckless agent blowing things up in "XXX."

For the 38-year-old Diesel, "Find Me Guilty" is a maneuver to help carve out a career that will keep him acting well beyond the usual expiration date of action heroes.

"Find Me Guilty" protects the career 20 years from now," Diesel said. "Which is why you say, 'No, I'm not going to do the big action film. I'm going to do this little thing which is all Sidney. No money, just Sidney.'"

As DiNorscio, Diesel plays a character about 10 years older than he is. Diesel packed on 30 pounds of flab and underwent two hours of makeup a day to resemble the overweight DiNorscio, who was serving a 30-year sentence on drug charges when he decided to act as his own lawyer at the racketeering trial of 21 Lucchese associates.

"We all have a prejudice about action films. It's sort of like, if they're beautiful and blonde, she can't act, and we should know better by now," Lumet said. **DAVID GERMAIN (AP)**

Who's the Next To Go?

Fox's '24' makes its characters likeable before killing them

THE GRIM REAPER | Samwise Gamgee survived Mordor, but couldn't make it out of CTU alive.

Welcome to life on this season's "24."

On Monday night's episode, the character of Lynn McGill — played by Sean Astin, aka the fat hobbit — made the ultimate sacrifice to save Jack Bauer and company after a deadly gas was unleashed inside CTU headquarters.

As if that weren't enough, Tony Almeida (Carlos Bernard) took a deadly syringe from near comatose Christopher Henderson (Peter Weller from "Robocop"), bringing



Tony was ready to off Christopher, see, when ... well, it's kinda complicated.

the end to a much-beloved character dating back to year one of Fox's hit show.

The deaths add to an alarmingly high rate of fatalities this season,

even by "24's" lethal standards.

The week before, it was the plump Edgar Stiles falling in a move so sad that the show ended with a silent countdown. And let's not forget the season opener, with former President David Palmer (Dennis Haysbert) and Michelle Dessler (Reiko Aylesworth) biting the proverbial dust.

For the record, that leaves Jack (Kiefer Sutherland) as the only regular character still alive from the opening campaign. Jack's daughter, Kim (Elisha Cuthbert), returned the past two weeks but isn't a regular anymore.

With less than half of the seasonal "day" to go, "24" is running out of folks to snuff. One fears for the fate of quirky Chloe (Mary Lynn Rajskub). **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**

<p>REGAL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP</p> <p>GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14 701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D ★</p> <p>THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 130 330 430) 640 725 920 1010 THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1200 225 450) 720 945 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1205 120 235 320 510) 630 745 915 1015 THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 440) 730 1020 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 400) 710 1030 230 500 750 1035 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1225 245 515) 735 950 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (240 525) 1030 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1215 110 250 400 530) 700 810 940 1040 FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115) 715 THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1230 300 335) 755 1025 THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) - ID REQ'D OC: 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1210) 800</p> <p>BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12 Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D ★</p> <p>FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (120 200 350 510) 730 805 1000 THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 400) 710 1030 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 425) 1020</p> <p>AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (125 420) 705 945 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (140 410) 710 930 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 650 720 1005 1035 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 735 1010 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (135 435) 715 1025 CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1255 345) BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 405) 700 1015 CAPOTE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 355) 655 955</p>	<p>POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16 3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR) ★</p> <p>THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 1200 200 230 430 500) 700 730 930 1000 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1140 1210 210 240 440 510) 710 740 940 1010 THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1150 220 450) 720 950 THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1125 215 505) 750 1035 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1135 1205 250 445 520) 755 955 1030 AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (150 435) 725 1005 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1215 145 245 415 515) 645 745 915 1015 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1230 300 530) 800 1020 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1120 135 205 425 455) 715 745 955 1025 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (120 410) 725 1015 FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215) 735 THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (140 420) 705 925</p> <p>COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20 45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ THE SHAGGY DOG - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG) DIG (120 420) 720 950</p> <p>THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (150 500) 745 1025 THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1140 1220 220 320 520) 620 820 910 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1210 140 240 430 530) 730 830 1010 THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 740 1020 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (230 510) 800 1030 AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1130 1200 200 300 440 540) 710 840 940 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1215 250 515) 815 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1150 1230 210 310 450 550) 750 850 1030 DOOGAL (G) DIG (1150 215 445) MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 645 915 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1240 340) 650 930 DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1250 330 545) 810 1015 FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (100 410) 700 950 THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (110 400) 640 920 CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1130 130 350) 630 900</p>	<p>FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10 4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR) ★</p> <p>THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1115 200 350 430) 645 920 1000 THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1110 150 400 440) 700 740 940 1020 CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (120 340) 715 935 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (140 425) 725 1015 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (100 410) 710 1010 TRANSAMERICA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 420) 720 950 MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 355) 705 1005 DOOGAL (G) DIG (125 330) SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG 655 930</p> <p>GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14 20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1200 115 245 415 510) 700 745 930 1015</p> <p>FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1205 100 240 400 500) 720 750 950 1020 THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 220 420 515) 725 800 1000 AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1220 330) 715 1005 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 420) 710 945 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1210 230 450) 730 955 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (120 410 510) 720 805 1010 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1230 350) 710 1005 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1245 345) 705 1000 FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (230) THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1250 340) 650 920</p>
<p>BOWIE STADIUM 14 15200 Major Lanesdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 210 355 455) 650 750 940 1030</p> <p>THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (140 445) 730 1020 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (120 400) 700 945 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 500) 800 1040 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (200 440) 720 1000 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (150 435) 740 1005 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (130 425 525) 705 805 950 1045 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (100 410) 710 1015 CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1245 305) THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (145 420) 715 1010</p>	<p>ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13 Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248# Free Theatre Parking - Monroe Street Garage Weeknights after 6 PM - all day Saturday/Sunday</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D ★</p> <p>THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 405) 720 955 THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1210 235 505) 735 1010 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1200 100 225 400 455) 700 730 935 1005 THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 415) 745 1025 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 410) 715 950 AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1235 420) 755 1035 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1215 230 450) 710 940 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1205 1255 240 355 510) 705 740 945 1020 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1240 350) 725 1000 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1225 345) 655 1030 THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1220 245 515) 750 1015</p>	<p>UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14 9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D ★</p> <p>THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 745 1015 THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (100 200 345 445) 630 730 805 1015 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (115 400) 730 1000 THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 315) 700 940 OC: ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (145) 800 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 745 1010 AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1245 345) 645 930 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (445) 1020 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (200 400 500) 715 815 950 DOOGAL (G) DIG (150) MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 715 950 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1230 330) 700 940 FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG 645 930 THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (130 430) 800 1020 CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (145 415)</p>
<p>BETHESDA 10 7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 330) 725 1005 THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (130 410) 710 930 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (115 405) 730 950 THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 340) 720 1000 AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (110 400) 715 955 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (125 415) 650 940 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (105 335) 735 1005 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1245 345) 700 945 THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (135 350) 655 925 MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 355) 705 935</p>	<p>MANASSAS STADIUM 14 11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D ★</p> <p>THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 730 1000 THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1130 1210 200 300 430) 650 720 920 950 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1150 1230 220 310 445) 700 740 925 1015 DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 350) 705 935 AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1245 345) 645 930 ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1140 155 420) 800 1020 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (105 325 355) 710 745 940 1010 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1240 320) 645 930 EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1230 310) 640 930 DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG 755 1005 FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1220) THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (100 330) 750 1010 CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1200 215 440)</p>	<p>Times For 3/15/06 Daily Bargain Matinees In ()</p> <p>OC= Open Captioned DA= Descriptive Audio Available</p> <p>* Pass / Discount Ticket Restrictions Apply</p> <p>©2006</p>

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AMC HOFFMANN CENTER 22
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703-998-4AMC

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 2:00, 2:55, 4:30, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:25, 3:05, 4:25, 5:55, 7:35, 8:25, 10:10
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 3:05, 5:55, 8:25
AQUAMARINE (PG) 2:25, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
DOOGAL (G) 2:20
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:55, 4:40, 5:35, 7:20, 8:30, 10:15
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 1:05, 5:25, 8:20
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 2:30, 5:25, 8:10
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 2:25, 5:05
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 2:35, 7:25
FIREWALL (PG13) 4:55, 9:55
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 3:10, 10:25
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:20, 6:55
CAPOTE (R) 4:25, 10:00

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 5:20, 8:45
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 4:50, 8:30
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 5:10, 8:00
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 5:10, 8:00
AQUAMARINE (PG) 1:40, 4:30, 7:45
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 5:20, 8:45
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 4:40, 8:10
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:50, 4:50, 8:30
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 4:30, 7:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:00, 7:30

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jennifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 2:20, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 2:10, 4:25, 7:45, 9:55
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50
MATCH POINT (R) 2:50, 5:40, 8:35

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441 821

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 12:30, 3:40, 6:45, 9:35
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 6:55, 9:25
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DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:20, 10:50
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15
FIREWALL (PG13) 1:50, 7:50
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:20, 3:00, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 4:35, 10:45
MATCH POINT (R) 12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10
MUNICH (R) 12:05, 3:30, 7:05, 10:35
SYRIANA (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6
4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:05, 4:30, 7:10
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 6:50
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 6:50
AQUAMARINE (PG) 2:15, 4:35, 7:05
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:15
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 2:10, 4:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 6:20

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 4:45, 7:45
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:45, 7:15
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:15, 4:30, 7:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:20
CAPOTE (R) 2:00, 7:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 1:15, 2:25, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 1:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:00, 7:05, 9:50
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 1:00, 2:20, 3:15, 4:35, 5:35, 7:00, 7:55, 9:20
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:50, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:50, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
AQUAMARINE (PG) 1:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 1:55, 4:20, 7:15, 7:50, 9:40
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35
DOOGAL (G) 1:35, 4:10
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:05, 2:15, 3:35, 4:50, 5:55, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 2:00, 5:10, 7:40, 9:35
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 1:30, 3:25, 5:25
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 4:55, 9:25
FIREWALL (PG13) 1:40, 7:05
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 2:10, 5:15, 7:45, 9:55
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 7:00, 9:15

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 5:20, 8:10
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 4:30, 7:45
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 4:00, 7:20
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 4:50, 7:35
AQUAMARINE (PG) 4:20, 7:30
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 5:10, 5:40, 8:00, 8:20
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 4:50, 8:00
DOOGAL (G) 4:10
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 4:30, 5:00, 7:40, 8:10
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 4:40, 7:50
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 7:10

AMC UNION STATION 9
Located at Union Station
703-998-4AMC

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 4:35, 7:35
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:45, 7:20
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 2:45, 5:50, 8:15
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 2:35, 5:20, 8:10
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 2:20, 4:20, 7:40
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:05, 4:30, 7:30
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 2:40, 5:30
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 7:45

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 5:45, 8:05
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 5:15, 7:55
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 5:45, 8:05
AQUAMARINE (PG) 5:15, 7:45
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 5:25, 7:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:55, 8:15

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 2:35, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:35
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

NIGHT WATCH (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:50, 10:10
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) 1:10, 3:50, 7:40, 10:00
MATCH POINT (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
TRANSAMERICA (R) 1:40, 4:20, 8:00, 10:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
CAPOTE (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

WINTER PASSING (R) 5:45, 8:30
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 5:15, 8:20
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:30, 8:15
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:45, 7:45
CAPOTE (R) 5:00, 8:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 12:35, 1:50, 3:10, 4:25, 5:30, 7:00, 8:20, 9:20, 10:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 12:20, 2:55, 5:25, 8:05, 10:40
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:05, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 12:00, 1:00, 2:25, 3:25, 4:55, 5:55, 7:20, 8:10, 9:45, 10:30
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:10, 10:30
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30
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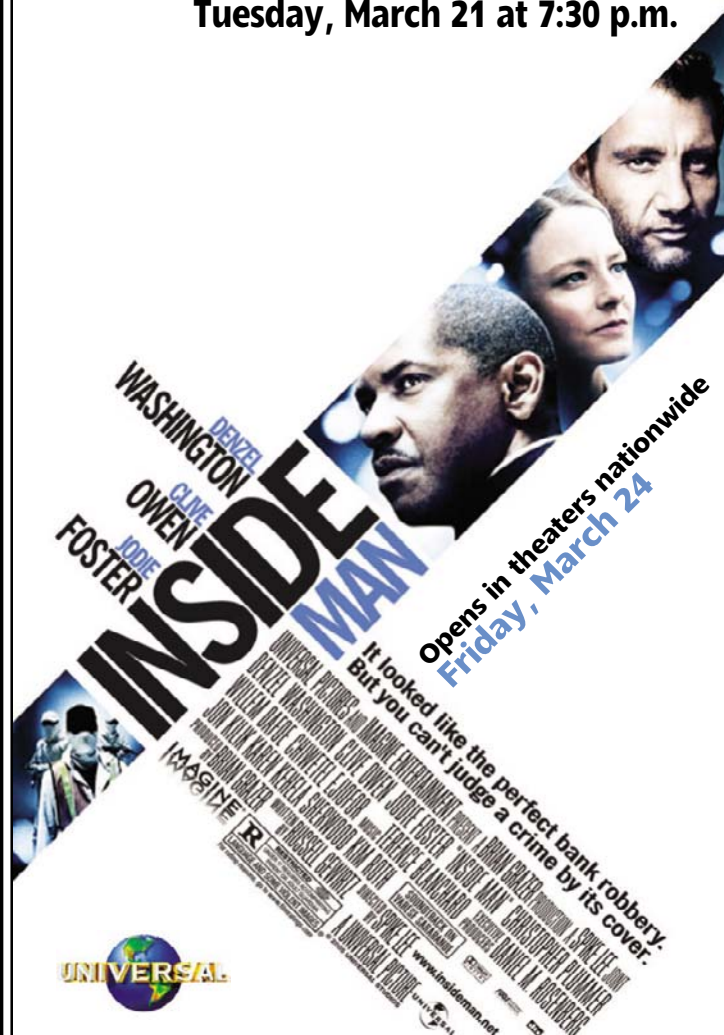
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	WTTG	(5)	Seinfeld		The Simpsons		The Simpsons		Seinfeld		Bones "Two Bodies in the Lab" (N)		American Idol		The Loop "Pilot"								Friends		
	WJLA	(7)	News		ABC Wild News		Wheel of Fortune		Jeopardy! (N)		George Lopez (N)		Freddie (N)		Lost "House of the Rising Sun" (N)		(01) Invasion "The Key" (N)		News				(35) Nightline		
	WUSA	(9)	News		CBS News		9News Tonight		Ent. Tonight		Survivor: Panama -- Exile Island				Criminal Minds "What Fresh Hell?"		CSI: NY "Jamalot"		News				Late Show		
	WDCA	(20)	That '70s Show		That '70s Show		Friends		Every-Raymond		America's Next Top Model (N)		Veronica Mars "Versatile Toppings"		The Tyra Banks Show				Girlfriends				Girlfriends		
	WMPT	(22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.		Artworks-Week				Ruth and Billy Graham: What Grace Provides		Chris Botti Live						Africa's Children						
	WETA	(26)	BBC World News		Business Rpt.		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)				Great Performances "Color Me Barbra"				Monty Python's Personal Best (Part 6 of 6)								Vision-England		
WHUT	(32)	Business Schl		Tavis Smiley		BBC World News		Moneywise		Smart Gardening The ten most important steps for nurturing a garden.				BBC World News		Tavis Smiley		Charlie Rose (N)							
WBDC	(50)	Steve Harvey		The Parkers		My Wife and Kids		Bernie Mac		One Tree Hill		Beauty and the Geek		Bernie Mac		My Wife and Kids		Sex and the City					Will & Grace		
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	Animal		The Crocodile Hunter			The Most Extreme		Temper tantrums.		Animal Report		Funniest Animals		Little Zoo That Could (N)		Animal Cops Houston (N)				Animal Report		Funniest Animals			
	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live					Access Granted		The Parkers		The Parkers		Girlfriends		Girlfriends		Comicview		In Living Color		In Living Color			
	Bravo		Top Chef Creating a signature dish.			Outrageous		Outrageous		Viral Videos		Viral Videos		Top Chef Creating a signature dish.		Top Chef Sensual and erotic recipes.				Top Chef Sensual and erotic recipes.					
	Comedy		(5:00) *** "Married to the Mob"			Com.-Presents		Reno 911!		Daily Show		Colbert Report		Chappelle's Show		South Park		South Park		Drawn Together		Daily Show		Colbert Report	
	Court		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Cops		Cops		The Investigators				Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Psychic Detect		Psychic Detect		Las Vegas Law	Parco P.I.	
	Discovery		Cash Cab		Cash Cab		Extreme Engineering		Saving Venice.		Everything You Need to Know				MythBusters Cell phone interference.		Everything You Need to Know (N)				Dirty Jobs "Plumber" Plumbing.				
	DISCH		Paramedics "Tough Love"			Trauma: Life in the ER				Raising 16 Children (N)				Babies: Special Delivery Reunion (N)		Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (N)				Raising 16 Children					
	Disney		Sister, Sister		Zack & Cody		Phil of the Future		That's So Raven		*** "Tarzan" (1999, Musical) Voices of Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close.				Life With Derek		Sister, Sister		Zack & Cody		That's So Raven				
	E!		10 Ways		The Simple Life		E! News (N)		E! News		101 Incredible Celebrity Slimdowns		101 Incredible Celebrity Slimdowns		The Simple Life		The Simple Life		Saturday Night Live						
	FX		King of the Hill		King of the Hill		That '70s Show		That '70s Show		Cops		Cops		Cops		Cops		Black. White. (N)		(:04) Black. White.				
	HGTV		Renovation		Wknd Warriors		Curb Appeal		House Hunters		I Want-Baths		I Want-Kitchen		I Want That! (N)		Cash in the Attic		House Hunters		What You Get		Dream House		FreeStyle
	Family		7th Heaven "Home"			Smallville "Lucy"				*** "Under the Tuscan Sun" (2003) Diane Lane, Sandra Oh.				"Blind Injustice" (2005, Suspense) Jamie Luner, Theresa Russell.				Whose Line?		Whose Line?		The 700 Club			
	History		Heroes Under Fire			Modern Marvels: Bunkers				Meteors: Fire in the Sky Major recorded impacts in history; remnants.				Modern Marvels: Snackfood Tech				The Big Build Building a hidden room.							
	Lifetime		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		"The Suspect" (2005, Suspense) Jamie Luner.				"Blind Injustice" (2005, Suspense) Jamie Luner, Theresa Russell.				Luner, Theresa Russell.				Frasier		Frasier				
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Cars

A Cheap Aston Is Still an Aston

The V8 Vantage may chip off the mystique, but it's still top-notch

The V8 Vantage ushers in the era of the affordable Aston Martin, which seems like cognac-in-a-box or fast-food truffles — a rare and exclusive thing awkwardly commodified.

Not that \$120,000 isn't a lot of quid, or squid, or whatever they use for money in England. But Aston Martins have always been statement cars, and with the V8 Vantage that statement seems to be, "I can't afford the DB9."

If only you'd dumped that Google stock when you had the chance.

What's at stake here is the fragile, don't-breathe-on-it delicacy of Aston's mystique, which for most of its 91-year history has been rooted in a kind of tragic heroism. The company has been in receivership seven times — now there's financial planning you can relate to — staggering from one crisis to another while occasionally producing extraordinary cars. Aston Martin's brand mythos was built on selling a handful of pretty, and pretty unreliable, cars at unspeakable prices. Now that's conspicuous consumption.

Fast forward to 2006. Aston



Trying to make a more affordable Aston Martin may be missing the point, but the new V8 Vantage manages to pull off keeping in the brand's line of legitimate luxury.

Martin has been transformed into a real, honest-to-God car company. But what of the marque's doomed gallantry, its reputation as the Masada of the car industry? Can Aston Martin's mystique survive success? Oh well.

The V8 Vantage sure is a looker. If crossbows fired bolts of molten envy, this is what the projectile would look like. Deep in its stance, malevolently wide and low with a squinting greenhouse, the car is so dastardly looking it should be twirling a mustache.

At night, when the headlamps' star-white LED marker lights and lava-red LED tail lamps are aglow, the mere sight of the V8-V will knock

2006 ASTON MARTIN V8 VANTAGE

- **POWERTRAIN:** Front-mid mounted 4.3-liter, 32-valve, DOHC V8 with variable-valve timing and dry-sump lubrication; six-speed manual transmission; rear wheel drive
- **WHEELBASE:** 102.4 inches
- **LENGTH:** 172.5 inches
- **WEIGHT:** 3,461 pounds
- **HORSEPOWER:** 380 at 7,300 rpm
- **0-60 MPH:** 4.9 seconds
- **PRICE:** \$111,350

crowds off power lines and cause pregnant cats to throw their litters.

Why would anyone pony up for

the Aston? Because you're not likely to see five others at the Beverly Hills Whole Foods. Astons are still special, rare, exotic, devoutly to be cherished. Like funny Lutherans. Aston's vainglorious compensations come by the tankerfull.

Not to say the Aston is a dog: It has the spark and bite of a proper sports car. It's quick but by no means overpowering. But it is effortlessly driveable, well-rounded and complete, pulling hard in every gear.

Once you cipher the embedded aluminum handle, swing the door open (it tilts up slightly on its hinge) and square your butt into the deep-socketed leather seat — which seems to close around you like Kong's fingers clutching Naomi Watts — you'll find a lovely interior, serenely technical and focused. The lathed-alloy instrument pack is a treat, especially at night, lighted with tiny pin spots in the overhead binnacle. There is also a parcel shelf that can be accessed through the hatchback.

Somehow, this car feels right. There is no give, no flex in this chassis anywhere. Everything has a to-the-bone integrity.

They sure don't build Aston Martins like they used to, and for that we can all be grateful. **DAN NEIL** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



LIVE ONLINE

Car Care

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats monthly on washingtonpost.com/cars

How do you prevent an electric shock when getting out of a car in the winter?

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I need to replace the small light bulbs in my Nissan that make the buttons for heater, air, etc. glow at night. Can I open the panel myself and install these \$30 bulbs without paying \$200 to a mechanic?

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Hobbies

Players search for plastic treasure in a GPS-driven game

"Do we go right?" Jack Ogborn asks his partner, Shirley O'Connell, as they hike up a dirt trail at the base of the Verdugo Mountains in Glendale, Calif., north of downtown Los Angeles. O'Connell eyes a hand-held global positioning system device that tells her their quarry is a few yards away and to the left. They stop when they reach the coordinates displayed on the tiny GPS screen and root through weeds and shrubs.

"I found it!" Ogborn says, pulling out a container filled with plastic toys.

It's a "geocache."

Geocaching is a hobby that combines hiking and treasure hunting with hand-held global positioning system devices.

"Cachers," as they are called, hide waterproof containers — caches — and mark the exact locations with GPS coordinates posted on the Internet. Other cachers get the coordinates, punch the numbers into GPS receivers and follow

the digital directions to the hidden prizes.

What's inside the containers — usually cheap knickknacks, plastic toys and a logbook — is not significant. It's the challenge of the hunt that fuels this sport. Serious cachers compete to uncover the greatest number of caches. The world champion claims more than 12,000.

The hobby is surging in popularity, almost doubling in new players annually for nearly six years. Now is the time of year the pastime gains newcomers. More geocaching

As Cache Can

converts are made in December, January and February because people who receive GPS units as Christmas gifts discover that the hand-held devices have recreational uses beyond locating the nearest Starbucks. But geocaching is not as simple as following directions from a GPS unit, which is accurate to within 10 feet at best. At the satellite coordinates, a cache might be placed inside a fake rock, a plastic apple, a faux bird nest, even a knot

in an oak tree. A cache can be as big as a car battery or as small as a pencil eraser.

Cachers track the birth of the hobby to May 1, 2000, the day President Clinton signed legislation giving the public access to extremely accurate satellite signals previously reserved for the military. Within days, computer-savvy adventurers began posting Internet GPS coordinates for hidden treasures.

Today, geocaching has about 1

million players worldwide, enthusiasts in search of more than 222,000 caches in 219 countries, according to Geocaching.com, a leading geocaching Web site.

The hobby is not without controversy. Local, state and national park officials have mixed feelings about geocaching.

Rangers say some cachers damage parkland by wandering off trails and slogging through vegetation. A park ranger at Mojave National

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GEOCA-CHING!: Sandy Gude and Steve O'Gara find the grail of their GPS quest.

"If you don't find [the cache] in seven minutes, you are not going to find it. ... I have no qualms about taking my Jeep over bushes."

STEVE O'GARA
GEOCACHER

Preserve uncovered a cache in an American Indian archeological site.

For Steve O'Gara, an aerospace worker from Agoura Hills, the count is crucial. He ranks third in the world with more than 7,000 uncovered caches, an achievement he attributes to "power caching." If O'Gara can't find a cache within seven minutes, he moves on.

"If you don't find it in seven minutes, you are not going to find it," he says. To cut his search time he has forced his four-wheel-drive Jeep over hiking trails, sidewalks and public parkland.

"I have no qualms about taking my Jeep over bushes," he says.

Park officials suggest that cachers take part in an alternative pastime called "virtual caching." Instead of searching for treasure, cachers follow GPS coordinates to a "virtual prize," a scenic view or a landmark. HUGO MARTIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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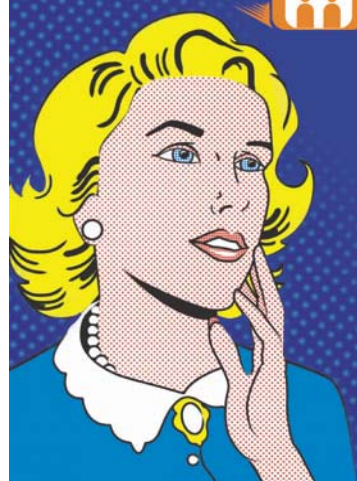
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Law & Literature

'Da Vinci Code'

GUY TRITTON, attorney with Hogarth Chambers, talked online from London about the copyright infringement case against "Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown and the authors of "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail." | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Isn't this just a case of plaintiffs going after Mr. Brown's deep pockets?

Of course. Do you think that they will sue a person who sold only five books at the local village fete! Actually, there were settlement discussions but Random House, the publishers, are doing so well from the sales of both books (they are the publishers for both books) that they want the publicity to run and run!

I don't understand the problem. The idea — of Jesus having been married — has been circulating for a long time. No one owns that idea.

You are right. If it was just that idea, there is no way that Baigent and Leigh would be bringing this case. They say that there are about 15 detailed ideas which Brown has copied. They say that he has taken the "architecture" of their book (in the same way that a novelist might take the plot of another book). It is often said that copyright does not subsist in an idea but in the expression of ideas. However, the line is often hard to draw. Certainly, one can infringe copyright in a novel by taking a plot but the plot would have to be detailed and original and not trite and commonplace.

Seems like a big publicity stunt to me, but so long as it is tops in peoples' minds, then there would

seem to be any number of additional works that could profit from the controversy. I'd like to see the list of sources Brown cites.

Brown has cited 38 books and 200 documents as his inspiration. But his wife does the research and she is not giving evidence. I doubt if the trial is that interesting once it is over.

Why is the trial being held in England?

Leigh and Baigent live in U.K. and have done for many years although one is a Kiwi (New Zealander) and the other comes from your neck of the woods. Trials for copyright infringement in U.K. are without juries which they may have preferred. Also, you can recover costs if you win against the unsuccessful party.

Has "Da Vinci" book sold as well in the Britain as it has in the U.S.? Do people talk about Brown's book around the British version of the water cooler (the teapot)?

Yes. It has been a roaring success. We talk about it the whole time whilst drinking tea, eating scones and doing Monty Python impersonations!

→ Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Post business columnist Steven Pearlstein will be online to discuss his latest look at growing income inequality.

Letters

Illegal Immigrant Kids Deserve Chance to Succeed

MR. DRUDI'S letter on Tuesday suggesting it is the "duty" of children of illegal immigrants to return to their homelands once they've become adults is preposterous. The reality of the situation is that immigrants and their children will keep coming, so it is in the inter-

est of all Americans to empower them and guide them as much as possible. Regardless of their legal status, they too, deserve a chance to succeed.

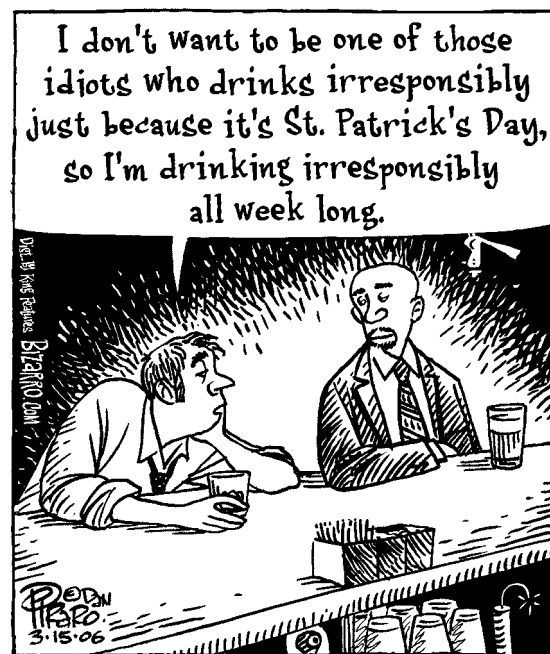
—SAUL CRUZ
Dumfries, Va.

Correction:

In Tuesday's Fit section, the name of Seth Levy, a public lands fellow at the American Hiking Society, was misspelled. Also, Levy frowns upon staking the ground with poles, whether it makes hiking feel more legit or not.

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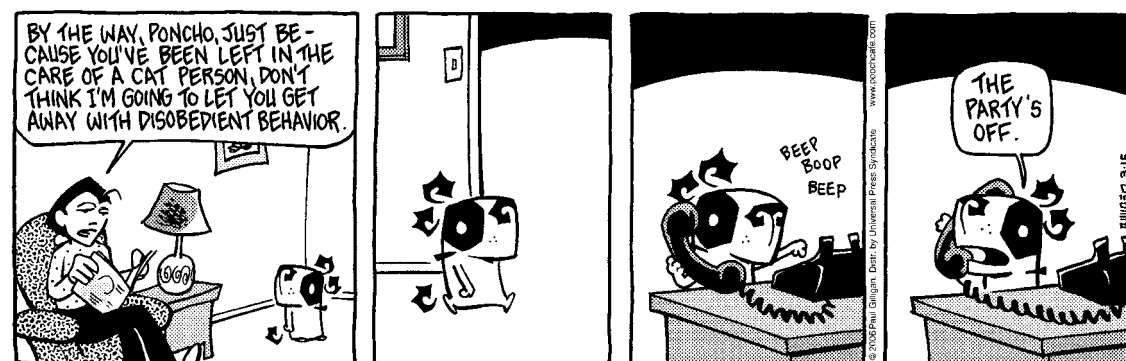


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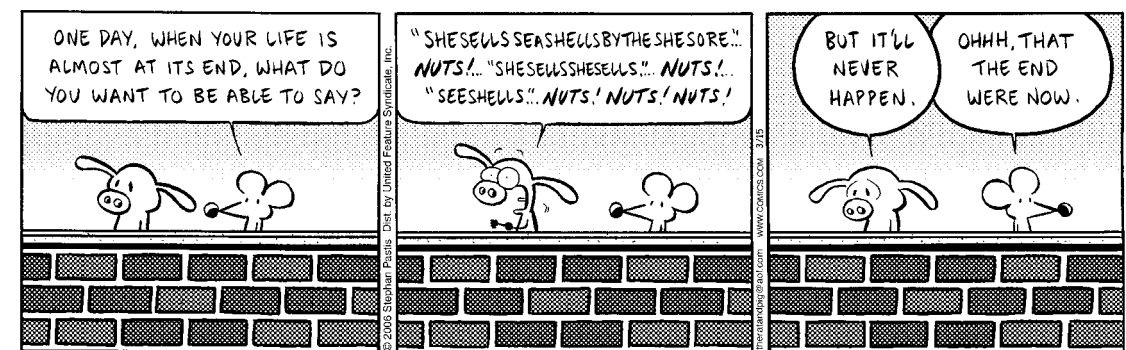


"Very impressive. Leave it with me. Mommy will get back to you by the end of the week."

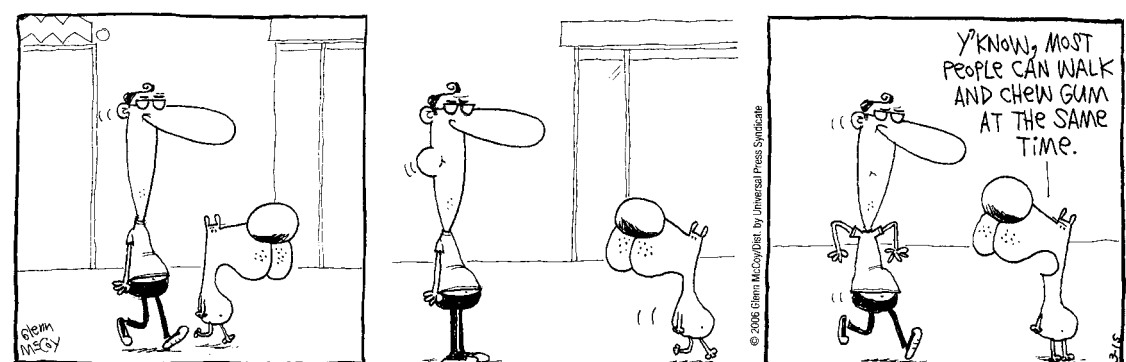
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20) Don't try to avoid those who rub you the wrong way. More contact will allow you to lighten up and you'll be bothered less.

ARIES (March 21–April 19) It may be more difficult than usual for you when it comes to open communication — especially with people you hardly know.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20) No need to feel insecure about your primary relationship; if necessary, increase communication and you'll see that everything's fine.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20) You're likely to be work-oriented, interested only in cause and effect, and your ability to increase your rewards with increased effort.

CANCER (June 21–July 22) Concentrate on those things that can enhance your physical appearance or performance. Don't neglect what the experts say.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22) Consider a small

change for yourself — particularly where appearance is concerned. Even the smallest difference can improve your outlook.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) Image isn't everything, but it's just enough to cause you a little concern when all eyes are on you. Some things you can change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22) It may be difficult for others to discern, much less understand, what it is you're thinking or feeling. That's best for all concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21) Let your enemies beware. You've been working on a secret weapon of sorts, and you may have an opportunity to unveil it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21) You may be tempted to do things your own way — as usual — but don't play fast and loose with the rules.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19) Bewilling to follow through any time you begin something new. Without a willingness to go for it, failure is certain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18) Don't be overdramatic, especially when you are beginning something new while surrounded by people you have only just met. Be low key.

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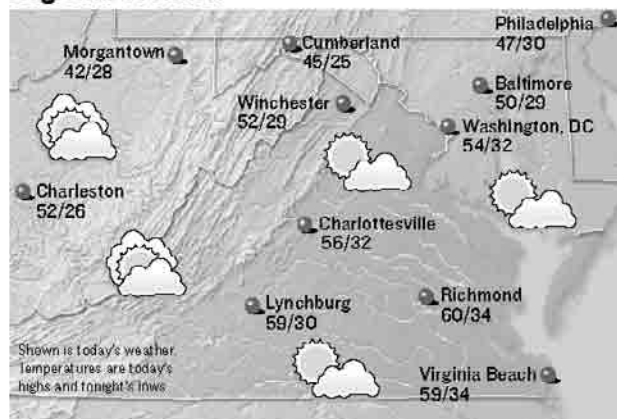


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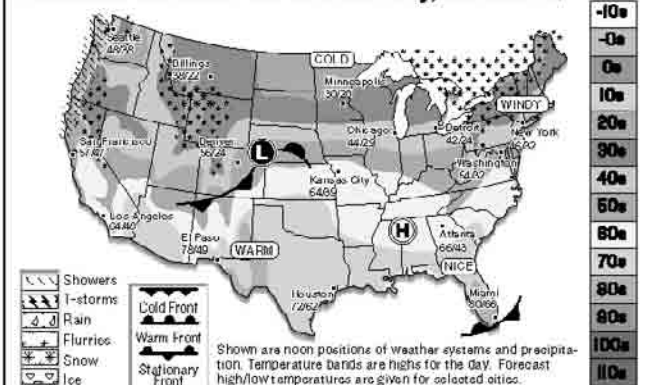
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Sun and Moon

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Moonrise today	7:07 p.m.
Moonset today	6:38 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, March 15



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Boston	45/30/s	42/27/s
Chicago	44/29/s	38/23/sn
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Honolulu	79/72/sh	82/68/sh
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Berlin	34/24/c	32/25/st
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Online resources let couples split up without lawyers

NEW YORK | Nicole Christie's divorce was \$450 and took about three months to complete — that's about 3 percent the cost of her wedding and one-third the time it took to plan it. Instead of hiring lawyers, she and her then-husband agreed to simply split their assets down the middle and fill out the divorce papers on a Web site.

"It's really great if you're divorcing amicably," said 33-year-old Christie, a writer, who filed in Washington state and now lives in New York. "It was so easy, I still

"If you want to maintain that respect for your marriage, it's a great path for that."

JUSTIN MASSEY
USED THE WEB TO DIVORCE WITHOUT A LAWYER'S HELP

question if it's legitimate," she added with a laugh.

To save money, time and energy, more couples have been turning to do-it-yourself divorces. It's been an option for years, but it's gotten easier and more widespread as more online resources have become available.

Divorce filing costs, rules and practices vary greatly by state. But divorce attorney Sharyn Soho said



Writer Nicole Christie and her ex-husband used a Web site to file for divorce.

in Middlesex County, Mass., where she practices, about a third of all divorcing couples are now doing

so without lawyers.

Of course, some divorces can be messy, and even in the most ami-

cable splits are rarely cut-and-dry. So how should a divorcing couple decide whether to hire attorneys?

First, if there's any disagreement over assets or doubt that a spouse is being forthcoming, a lawyer will most likely be necessary. Also, even a couple that's splitting amicably should take a look at their shared property. If a couple owns any big or hard-to-value asset, an attorney may need to intervene to help decide how to allocate it, says Alan Kopit, chairman of the American Bar Association's division for public education and partner at Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP in Cleveland.

If a couple has a child, a do-it-yourself divorce is only feasible if you agree with your spouse on custody, visitation and guardianship issues. Even so, it's helpful to at least seek the advice of a lawyer.

"It's comforting to me that it wasn't [dragged] through the proverbial divorce courthouse mud," said Justin Massey, who filed for divorce sans lawyer. "If you want to maintain that respect for your marriage, it's a great path for that."

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Lamb of Tod's

Leather company hits a home run with its first clothing line

When Italian leather goods company Tod's hired **DEREK LAM** to create its first-ever clothing line, the New York designer was inspired by a photo of The Marlin, a yacht owned by Tod's chairman Diego Della Valle that had once played host to Jacqueline and John F. Kennedy.

This spring, Tod's by Derek Lam sets sail with a capsule collection of seven timeless, elegant pieces that would have looked as right on a Capri-bound Jackie O. as they will on the 21st century jet-setters who started snapping up the butterscotch

leather jacket (\$1395), double-faced cashmere polo (\$795), fitted-and-flared jeans (\$395) and other covetable collectibles the minute they hit shelves last month. (Charlize Theron, Renée Zellweger and Halle Berry have already ordered the short white trench.)

And no wonder. Tod's togs are a thoughtful marriage of form and function, making them the perfect travel companions on land or sea. Pants and blazers have practical patch pockets, the white cotton twill trench is flattering and waterproof, the cognac leather skirt has a comfy draw-string waist, cushy cashmere elevates the simple polo dress to a whole new level of luxe ("Perfect for Saturday brunch, worn with her husband's shirt underneath it," says Lam. "It would be great with a big satchel to do a little shopping. I see her at a cafe, reading the newspaper in the shade during the summer, with bare legs



SPLISH SPLASH: This leather-trimmed coat is splash-resistant, perfect for a jaunt with Biff and Muffy on the yacht.

and flats"). And the little red leather-trimmed jacket is splash repellent, explains Lam, so that if a woman really were wearing it "on the Marlin and she got wet she wouldn't be freaked out."

Lam fans may be freaked out — in a good way — to learn that Tod's was so pleased with the collaboration that it extended the designer's contract for another three years.

There are also two roadworthy menswear pieces debuting — a cotton pique polo and fitted leather jacket — with a larger men's collection in the works for fall, along with a more urban-oriented (but still travel friendly) women's line.

"The original idea was about the whole weekend and how people travel and pack for a getaway," said Lam. "It's about leaving work on Friday — or, hopefully, Thursday — and stopping into a great town before you get to your boat or the beach. So it really is about [clothing] that works for the whole trip."

Who says you can't pack light, look chic and be comfy at the same time? **LAUREN DAVID PEDEN** (FASHION WIRE DAILY)

HAVE COAT, WILL TRAVEL:

Derek Lam's collection is designed to travel well, but still look elegant and chic.



Laura Linney wore this short trench to this year's American Spirit Awards.

Beauty



It IS Your Grandma's Moisturizer!

When a company is 138 years old, they must be doing something right. **J.R. WATKINS APOTHECARY** is keeping itself young with a new line of shea butters (\$7, Target). The lotions are softening without being greasy, although it's easy to glob on a bit too much. The intense moisture smoothed rough cuticles almost instantly and also went to work on winter-dry feet. We only tried two of the four scents; the vanilla was a little too sweet, while the lemon cream smelled exactly like Froot Loops. Which is good or bad, depending on whether you like sugar cereals.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

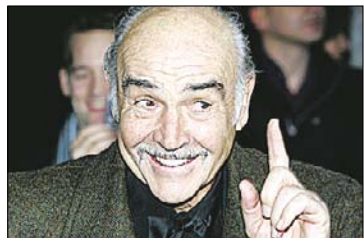
Time for Some Slime

"Residue" is an icky word, evoking what's left at the bottom of a drained canal. Such is the principle behind **STILA FLOATING EYESHADOW** (\$16, Sephora), a liquid in which what looks like regular powder eyeshadow is suspended. Shake it up, swipe it on with the sponge applicator, and wait. The liquid dries, leaving an uneven, slimy residue, as if a glittery slug tracked across your eyes as you slept. The only solace: The result is so sheer it barely shows. But if you wear any kind of base or primer on your lids, prepare for a smear-fest. **HOLLY J. MORRIS** (EXPRESS)



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Laugh or he'll sue your pants off!

WHINING He's Not Invited Back

SEAN CONNERY is suing a country club for using his "worldwide celebrity" to fatten its reputation and refusing to pay money owed him after he ended his membership. Connery is seeking more than \$1 million from the Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif. (AP)

ANGER Well, She's Kind of Biased

ANNIE PROULX, whose short story inspired "Brokeback Mountain," is mad: Academy voters are "out of touch not only with the shifting larger culture and the yeasty ferment that is America these days, but also ... with their own segregated city." (AP)



UNWISE

Oh Brad, Beware

MICHAEL DOUGLAS took pot shots at Brangelina and other power couples in GQ's April issue. "I don't know about Brad Pitt, leaving that beautiful wife to go hold orphans for Angelina [Jolie]," he said. "I mean, how long is that going to last?" He also took swipes at actresses Renee Zellweger and Julia Roberts: "I mean, don't ask me what happened with Renee Zellweger. I don't know how you get married for four months. And Julia with Lyle." (AP)

CRIME Master P Cuts a Plea Deal

In a deal with Los Angeles prosecutors, rapper **MASTER P** pleaded no contest Monday to a misdemeanor gun charge and was placed on probation for three years. He was arrested last year with



"Dancing With the Stars" is saddened.

his brother after they were pulled over by police. Officers found a revolver under the driver's seat of the Chrysler and a semiautomatic handgun on the passenger's seat. (AP)

DISPUTES Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Nobody Gives a Crap

MICHAEL JACKSON got a day's reprieve on a deadline to pay a \$100,000 fine and \$306,000 in wages he owes Neverland Ranch employees. Jackson now has until 5 p.m. Wednesday to pay the penalty and



remit back wages owed dozens of workers, who complained to the state that they hadn't been paid since Dec. 19. Jackson could face a state lawsuit if he doesn't comply. (AP)

REVENGE A Killer Lawsuit

THE KILLERS have asked a federal judge to throw out a \$16 million breach-of-contract lawsuit from their former manager. In docs filed Monday, members of the rock band accused Braden Merrick of incompetence and dishonesty. (AP)



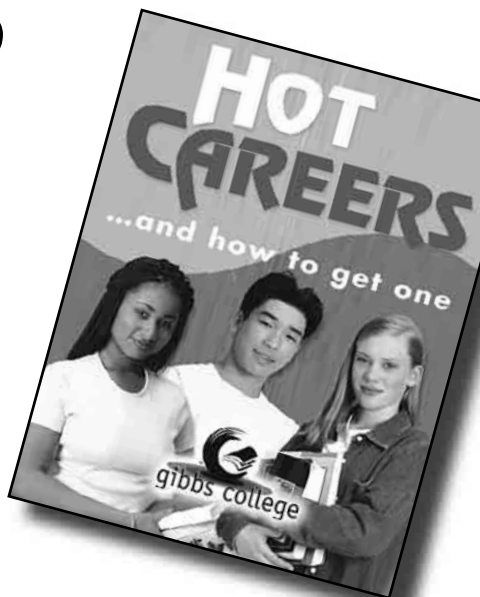
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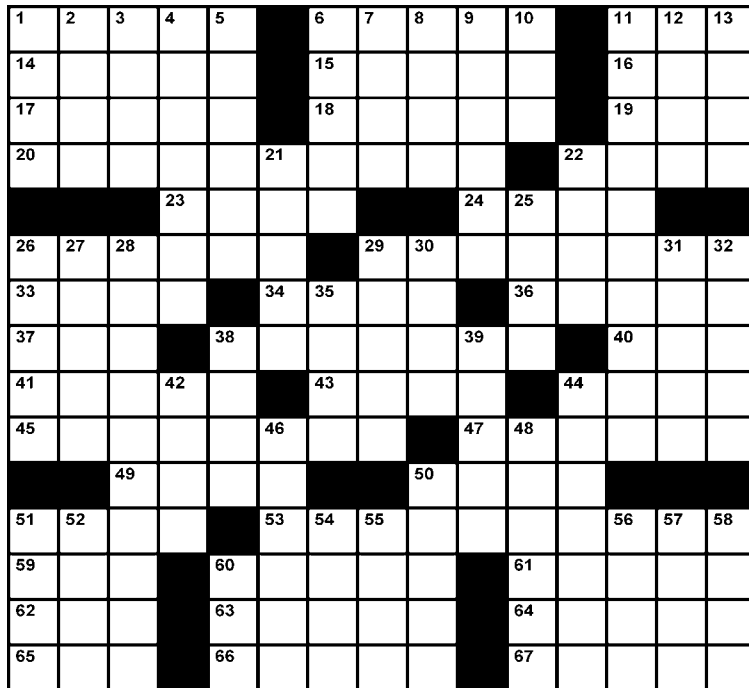
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Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

44 B.C. Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

1493 Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

1913 President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

1964 Actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second. They divorced in 1974, remarried in 1975 and finally split in 1976.

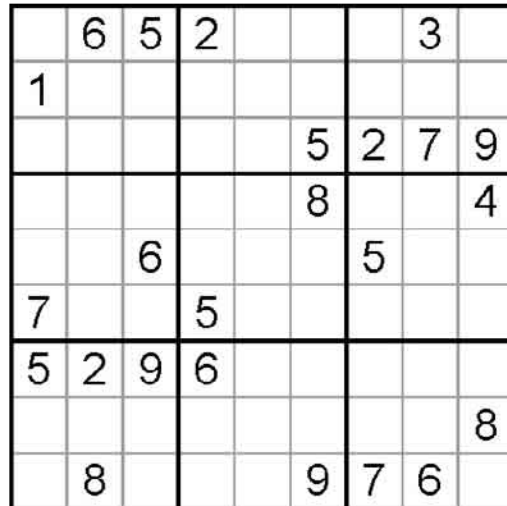
1977 The U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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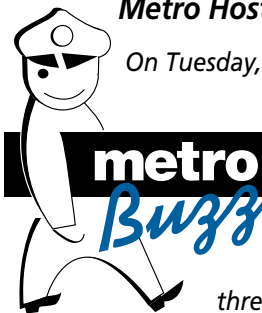
Also Around Town This Weekend

Arty Gras: A Celebration of Louisiana Artists. An exhibition of New Orleans artists and artwork influenced by Hurricane Katrina. On display through Sunday, March 19, at Warehouse Gallery, 1019 Seventh St. NW. Metrorail: Mt Vernon Sq/7th St-Convention Center on the Yellow/Green lines. Metrobus: 70, 71 or G8.

North American Wildlife Celebration. Learn about wildlife in our area and conservation efforts to protect North American animals. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at the National Zoo. Metrorail: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan on the Red Line. Metrobus: 90, 92, 93, 98, H5, H7, L1, L2, L4 or X3.

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On Tuesday, March 21, Metro will host its first ever Budget Information Session where customers can give their input on Metro's fiscal year 2007 proposed budget. The session will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at Metro Headquarters.

To speak at the session, please sign up by 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. E-mail your name and city of residence to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com or fax 202-962-1133. You will have three minutes to speak and may submit one written copy of your statement at the session.

The proposed budget includes plans to increase and improve bus service by shifting buses from routes that are currently underused and restructuring select bus routes to improve performance. There are also plans to extend the use of six-car trains during off-peak and weekend hours.

For a complete copy of Metro's fiscal year 2007 proposed budget, visit MetroOpensDoors.com and click on the link at the bottom of the homepage. To get to Metro headquarters, take the Red, Green or Yellow lines to Gallery Pl-Chinatown station. Use the Arena exit. Walk two blocks east on F Street to 600 5th Street, NW. Or ride Metrobus routes D1, D3, D6, P6, 70, 71, 80 or X2.

If you cannot attend the Budget Information Session, you may submit written comments no later than 5 p.m. on June 8, 2006 to: H. Charles Woodruff II, CFO, WMATA, 600 Fifth St., NW, Washington, DC 20001.

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